

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

4. The use as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the combination used is metal α -lipoates, metal α -dihydrolipoates or metal- α -lipoic acid complexes.
6. The use as claimed in claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 5], wherein the α -lipoic acid used is (R)- α -lipoic acid or the α -lipoate used is (R)- α -lipoate.
15. The use of the metal α -lipoates, metal α -dihydrolipoates or metal- α -lipoic acid complexes as claimed in claim 5 [in accordance with claim 14] for treating diabetes, tumors, HIV infections, AIDS, renal insufficiency, malnutrition, protein-energy malnutrition and mineral deficiencies.

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